

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claims 1, 13, 23 and 24 have been amended

Claims 4 and 22 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Advisory Action mailed June 16, 2005, the Examiner states that claims 20, 21, 25 and 26 are allowed, claims 4 and 13 objected to, and claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19 and 22-24 rejected. The Examiner also states that Applicant's arguments concerning a user assigned criticality threshold are persuasive.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant would first like to extend its appreciation for the allowance of claims 20, 21, 25 and 26.

With respect to claims 4 and 13, Applicant has canceled claim 4 and included the limitations thereof into independent claim 1. As such, it is submitted that amended independent claim 1, and claims 2, 3, and 5-19 dependent thereon, are now in a condition for allowance. Claim 13 has also been amended to correct for antecedent basis errors.

As for claims 22, 23 and 24, Applicant has canceled claim 22 and amended claims 23 and 24 to include the limitations of now canceled claim 4. With respect to claims 23


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and 24, both claims include the same limitations of originally filed claim 1, with claim 23 being directed to a computer program product, and claim 24 being directed to a program storage device. As such, by including the limitations of now canceled claim 4 into claims 23 and 24, Applicant submits that the claimed features of these amended claims are equivalent to the limitations recited in as amended claim 1. It is for these reasons that Applicant submits claims 23 and 24 are also in a condition for allowance

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application has been brought into a condition where an allowance of the case is proper. Reconsideration of the pending claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to clarify any issue and/or to place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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